

# Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION**: Interim Guidance to Supplement SAFETEA-LU  
Requirements for Strategic Highway Safety Plans (SHSP)

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To: Division Administrators

With the enactment of the SAFETEA-LU, a new and bold approach to “saving lives” is underway. This landmark legislation significantly increased emphasis on safety, by creating a new “core” safety program with funding provided in excess of \$5.0 billion over four fiscal years, almost doubling previous safety funding levels. In addition, SAFETEA-LU provides for each State Department of Transportation to develop a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). This new SHSP provision is a major part of the core Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), as set forth in the new 23 USC 148.

To expedite the implementation of SHSP-related provisions of the SAFETEA-LU, we are developing a series of guidance documents for use by your office, the State Department of Transportation (DOT), and other partners. The first in this series is the attached interim guidance on the development, implementation, and evaluation of a SHSP. The FHWA developed this interim guidance in cooperation with the DOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan Coordination Group comprised of representatives from FHWA, NHTSA, FMCSA, FTA, and FRA. We are working closely with these modal administrations to facilitate a consistent DOT approach to these new requirements.

As you, the State DOT, and your other partners make use of this guidance, we would appreciate your comments and suggestions for further enhancements. We will also be soliciting comments through a DOT Listening Session to be conducted at the upcoming AASHTO/GHSA SHSP Peer Exchange in Phoenix, Arizona.

Please send your comments by November 28 to: [HSAafety@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:HSAafety@fhwa.dot.gov). If you need any additional information relating to SHSP guidance, please contact Margie Sheriff at 202-366-1747 or Rudolph Umbs at 202-366-2177.

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